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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of One month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief from January 22, 2003, up to and including February 22, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18396/1140. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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